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*Joseph's Imprisonment, &c.*

**T**HIS base woman, when she could not obtain her ends, accused Joseph of the very crime of which she alone was guilty; and her enraged husband bound him in fetters, and put him in prison. Learn then, not to wonder, if wicked persons

persons accuse you of those things of which you are most innocent.

Now you may well imagine, Joseph would have some melancholy reflections on the cruelty of his brethren, and the distress he might well suppose his father to be in. His only employment could now be to walk among his fellow prisoners, or look through the iron grates of his gloomy dungeon. Yet we have reason to admire the providence which preserved his life, from the fury of his persecutors.

In this prison also, two of the King's servants, his butler, and his baker, were confined. What was the cause of their imprisonment, we cannot tell, as the historian has not recorded the particulars of it. These two men dreamed remarkable dreams on the same night; and in the morning told them to Joseph. The baker said, "I dreamt that I was at liberty, and had three baskets on my head,